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William Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Caton:

Re: Gen. Docket No. 00-185

On Thursday, February 28, 2002, Robert Sachs, President and CEO of NCTA, Peggy Binzel, Executive Vice President, of NCTA, and Howard Symons from the law firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo, met regarding the above-referenced proceedings with Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Matthew Brill, Legal Advisor, Mass Media, Stacy Robinson, Legal Advisor, Mass Media, and Jason Scism, Special Assistant, Congressional, Intergovernmental & Industry Relations.

During this meeting, we discussed NCTA's views on the Notice of Inquiry on cable modem service and the implications of the information service classification on third party access to the cable system and related local franchising authority issues, previously summarized in earlier NCTA filings. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please communicate directly with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel L. Brenner

cc: Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Matthew Brill
Stacy Robinson
Jason Scism